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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a A device for non-contact or low contact conveying of structural elements (1) or materials along a conveying track. Furthermore, the invention relates to a device for non-contact or low-contact handling and storing of structural elements (1) or materials. A device for generating a floating state by sound waves is provided, which comprises the following features: [[-]] includes a rigid support structure [[(2)]] having a support structure top surface [[(3)]] for absorbing forces generated by the gravitation or acceleration of the levitating object and perpendicularly acting on the support structure top surface [[(3,]]]. [[- a]] A thin oscillatory element [[(4)]] is arranged in parallel to the support structure top surface [[(3),]]. [[-]] Further provided is a vibration generating means (5) generator for making the thin oscillatory element [[(4)]] vibrating and levitating above the support structure top surface [[(3)]] so that the object [[(1)]] is levitating above the thin oscillatory element [[(4)]] without contacting it.